FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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The Petitioner herein requests a variance to permit four (4) other business signs containing a total of 700 sq.ft. in lieu of the maximum permitted three (3) other business signs of 100 sq.ft. total, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 2.

The Petitioner, by William C. Harrison, appeared, testified, and was represented by Newton A. Williams, Esquire. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition were: Neil Murray, Property Manager, and Gary DuVall, Esquire for F & M; Dwight J. Auch, rence L. Collins and E. Harrison Stone, Esquire for the Marriott Corporation; Charles Stark, Professional Land Surveyor; Robert Nethen, Jr. with Claife Neon Signs; and Bernard Willemain, Land Use and Planning Consultant. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as the Baltimore West Shopping Center, consists of 18.65 acres more or less zoned $\Delta_{
m B.R.}$ and is located on Baltimore National Fike (Route 40) southwest of Rolling Road. Petitioners propose replacing the existing Bradlees/F & M sign, currently located on the northwest corner of the Monumental entrance, with a consolidated multiple tenant roster sign as set forth in Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and A. Petitioners also propose a primary shopping center identification sign which will be located along Route 40 adjacent to the Roy Roger's Restaurant as indicated on Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and B.

cerned that they are not receiving sufficient advertising exposure along Route 40 and have requested individual signage. He testified that the proposed sign as indicated on Petitioner's Exhibit A, will have a red and white color scheme and will harmonize with the overall center, particularly the buildings that border the eastern property line. However, Frank's and F & M have subsequently requested permission to display their respective company colors on their portion of the signage. The proposed sign will replace the existing Bradlees/F & M sign and will be a 25-foot high, two-faced, multiple tenant roster sign containing 150 sq.ft. total, and will provide individual space for five tenants. The new center identification sign will require the removal of the 20-foot high Frank's sign which is a 64 sq.ft., duble-faced sign totalling 128 sq.ft. Frank's will thereafter be assigned signage on the aforementioned replacement signs. The Zoning Commissioner was advised by correspondence dated November 14, 1989 from Newton Williams, Esquire, that all parties to the hearing, including Frank's, were in agreement with this signage format. Mr. Harrison further testified that in view of the way this shopping center sits back off of Route 40, the retailers need the exposure the requested signs will provide. Additionally, Mr. Harrison stated that, in his opinion, if the Requested signage is denied, the Petitioner will suffer a practical difficulty and undue hardship as it will be difficult to attract new tenants to

Mr. Harrison testified the Petitioner's retail tenants are mn-

Mr. Stark testified that the shopping center's entrance will be difficult for passing motorists to locate without the requested signage. He stated that the signage proposed is of typical size .: this area and will harmonize well with the color scheme of the center. Mr. Stark was in

the site.

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agreement with Mr. Harrison regarding the undue hardship and practical difficulty Petitioner would suffer if the requested variance were denied.

Mr. Nethen testified as to the general layout and desirability of the existing and requested signage. He stated that the shopping center is at a considerably lower elevation than Route 40, which significantly impairs the visual exposure of the center to passing motoroists. Mr. Nethen stated that, in his opinion, should the requested variance be denied, the Petitioner would suffer undue hardship and practical difficulty.

Mr. Willemain testified on behalf of the Petition. He indicated that he has been familiar with the subject site since 1948. He testified that the State of Maryland intends to convert Route 40 into a high speed expressway, replacing the current median strip in this area with Jersey walls. He stated that traffic routinely travels at 50 - 60 mph on this Mr. Willemain testified that motorists will have a difficult time locating the center absent the requested signage, that in his opinion the Petitioner will suffer undue hardship and practical difficulty if the requested variance is denied.

Mr. Auch testified regarding the existing Big Boys' sign, which is a 120 sq.ft., dual-faced sign containing 240 sq.ft. total. Mr. Auch stated the sign was erected in 1979, and to the best of his knowledge, pursuant to the requisite permits. The sign was subsequently refaced in 1983 and remains unchanged to this date. Mr. Auch testified that in his opinion, if Petitioners' were required to reduce the size of the subject sign by a considerable amount, the Big Boys restaurant would suffer a significant decrease in patron flow.

Mr. Collins testified regarding the existing Roy Rogers' sign. He indicated the sign was erected in approximately July, 1979, and to his knowledge, pursuant to the requisite permits, although none were produced at the hearing. Mr. Collins testified that in his opinion, if the subject sign was reduced in size by a considerable amount, the restaurant would suffer a signficant decrease in patron flow.

Mr. Murray testified that F & M does not advertise on television and therefore, relies heavily on signage to generate customer traffic. He testified that in his opinion, should the requested variance be denied, the Petitioner would suffer undue hardship and practical difficulty in view of the location and layout of this property.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

- whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for & permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome:
- 2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that if the variance is granted, as herein modified, such use as proposed would not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and would not result in substantial detriment to the public health, safety, and general welfare. Petitioners were advised at the hearing that there ap-

peared to be excessive signage along the Route 40 corridor in this area and to revise the sign plan to further consolidate the signage proposed for the shopping center. Petitioners subsequently submitted a revised plan, identified as Exhibits A and B, which have been incorporated into the file and made a part of this Order.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested, as herein modified, should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this _____ day of January, 1990 that the Petition for Zoning Variance to permit four (4) other business signs containing a total of 700 sq.ft. in lieu of the maximum permitted three (3) other business signs of 100 sq.ft. total, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibits 1, A and B, be and is hereby GRANTED; subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the relief granted:

> 1) The Petitioner may apply for its sign permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2) Prior to the erection of any additional signage granted pursuant to this Order, Petitioner shall remove the existing Frank's sign located along Route 40 adjacent to the Baltimore West Shopping Center.

3) Prior to the erection of any additional signage granted pursuant to this Order, Petitioner shall remove the existing Bradlees/F & M sign currently located at the Monumental entrance of the shopping center.

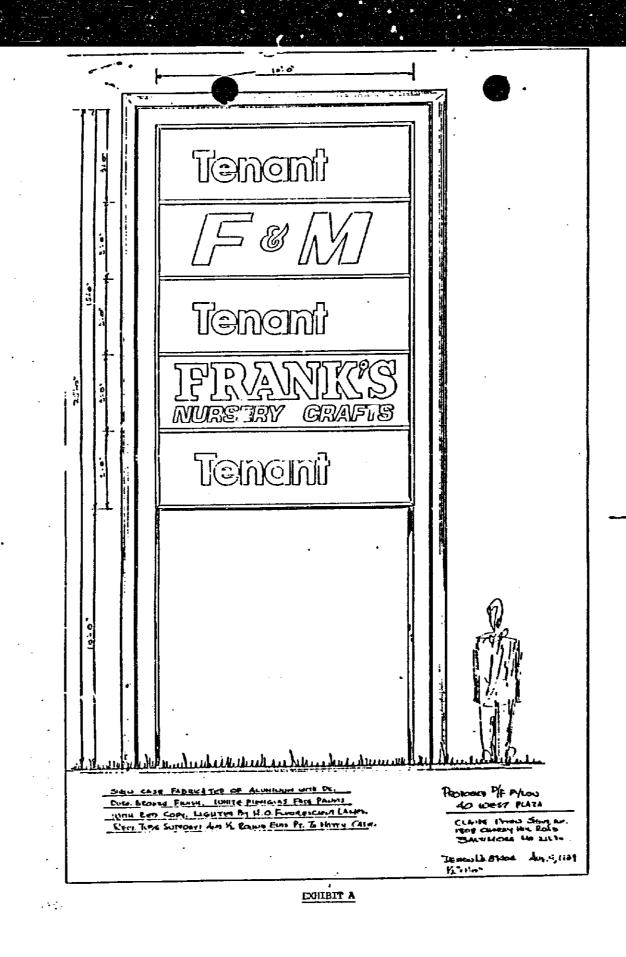
er's Office by no later than April 15, 1990, a new site plan, prepared by a registered professional engineer and/or land surveyor, which clearly identifies

4) Petitioner shall submit to the Zoning Commission-

all existing signage, and all signage proposed for the subject site, pursuant to this Order, including dimensions, exact location, and any other information as may be required to be a certified site plan; and,

IT IS FURTH ? ORDERED that F & M and Frank's Nursery shall be permitted to display their respective company colors on their alotted signage.

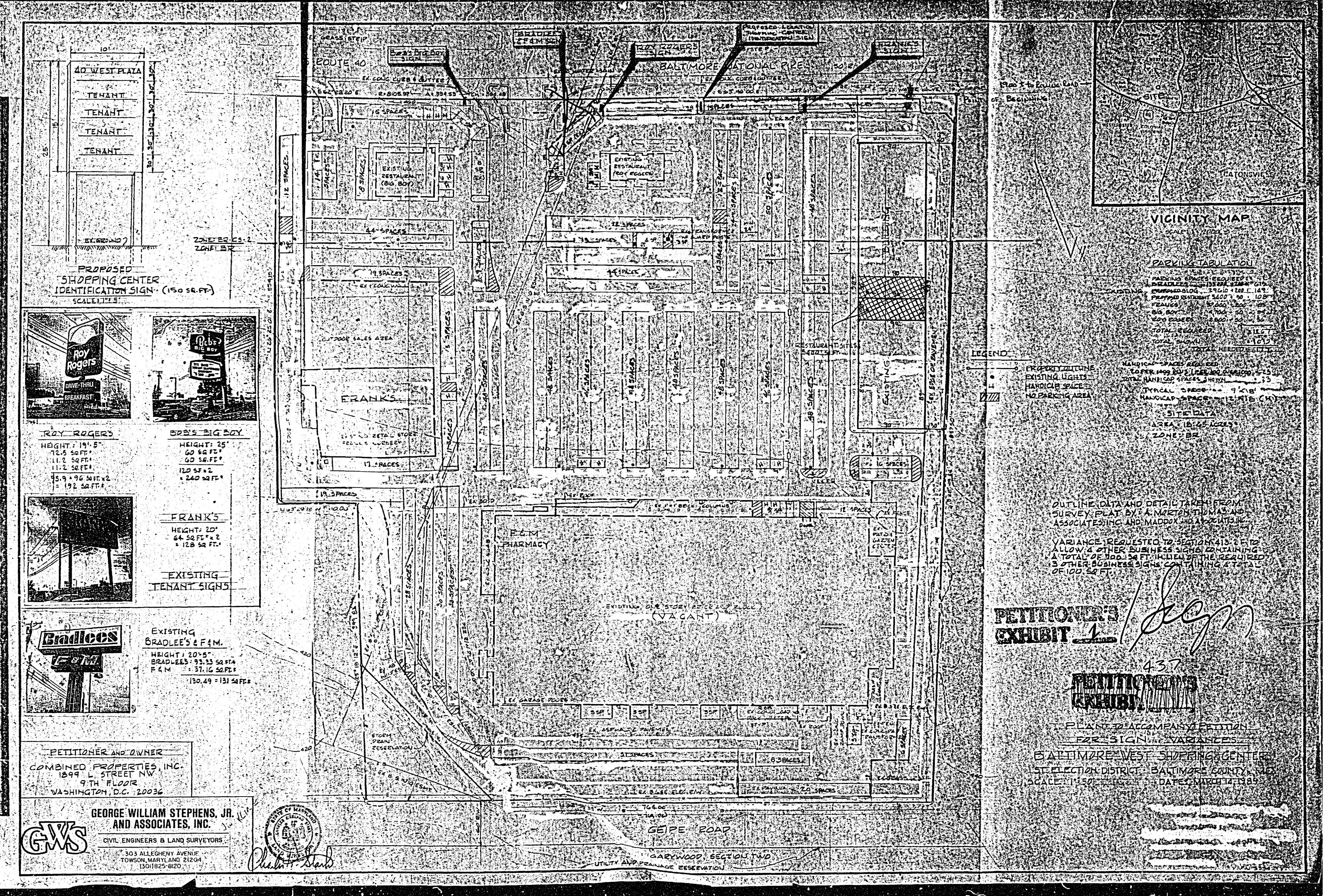
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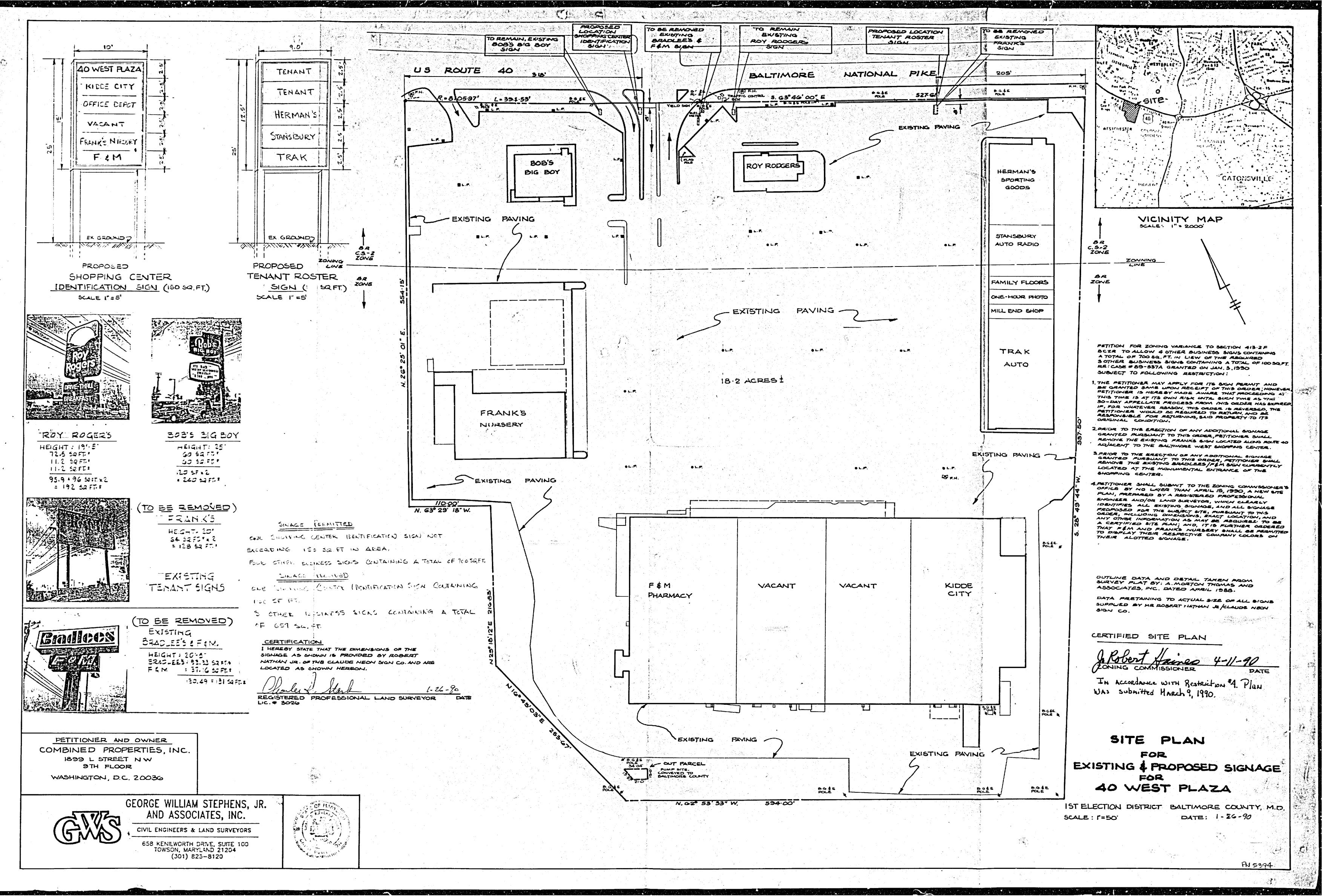


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January 3, 1990

Newton A. Williams, Esquire Nolan, Plumhoff & Williams 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 700 Towson, Maryland 21204



RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE

S/S Baltimore National Pike, 1900' W of the c/l of Rolling Road

(Baltimore West Shopping Center)

1st Election District - 1st Councilmani District

Combined Properties, Inc. - Petitioners

Case No. 89-537-A

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party f. As the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3391.

J. ROBERT HAINES

20cing Commissioner
for Baltimore County

cc: Gary C. Duvall, Esquire
600 Baltimore Avenue, Towson, Md. 21254

E. Harrison Stone, Esquire
102 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Md. 21234
People's Counsel

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NOTICE (# HEARING The Zoning Commissioner of Sattmore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapsake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows: Publishing Company 10750 Little Patuxert Piney Columbia, MD 21544 Petition for Zonling Variance
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Combined Properties, Inc
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FROM THE OFFICE OF
GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR., & ASSOCIATES, INC.
ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 6828, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

Description to Accompany Petition for Variance.

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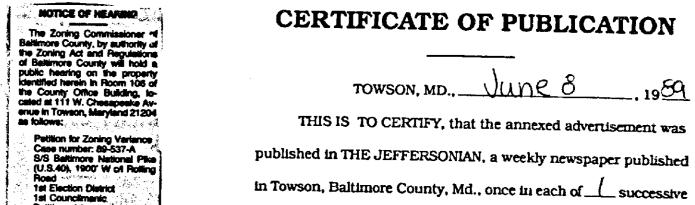


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J. ROBERT HE Zoning Commission Beltime C/J/6/139 June 8

Combined Properties, Inc. 1899 L Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20003

ATTN: DAVID H. SISSON

Re: Petition for Zoning Variance CASE NUMBER: 89-537-A

S/S Baltimore National Pike (U.S.40), 1900' W c/l Rolling Road 1st Election District - 1st Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Combined Properties, Inc.
HEARING SCHEDULED: THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1989 at 9:30 a.m.

Dear Petitioner(s):

Please be advised that \$ 19.31 is due for advertising and posting of the above referenced property. All fees must be paid prior to the hearing. But not remove the sign and post set(s) from the time it is posted by this office unit! the day of the hearing.

Date: 6 19/89

THIS FEE MUST RE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT BE ISSUED.

Please make your check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland and bring it along with the sign and post set(s) to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, Room 111, Towson, Maryland 21204 fifteen (15) minutes before your hearing is scheduled to begin.

Please note that should you fail to return the sign & post set(s), there will be an additional \$25.00 added to the above fee for each such set not returned.

J. ROBERT HAINES
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cc: Newton A. Williams, Esq.

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 494-3353

J. Robert Haines

NOTICE OF HEARING



The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Orfice Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson. Maryland as follows:

Petition for Zoning Variance CASE NUMBER: B9-537-A S/S Baltimore National Pike (U.5.40), 1934 # c/l Rolling Road 1st Election District - 1st Councilmania Petitioner(s): Combined Properties, Inc. HEARING SCHEDULED: THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1099 at 5:30 a.m.

Variance: To allow 4 other business signs containing a total of 700 sq. ft. in lieu of the permitted 3 other business containing a total of 100 sq. ft.

In the event that this Petition is granted, a building permit may be issued within the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zozing Commissioner will, however, entertain any request for a stay of the issuance of said permit during this period for good cause shown. Such request must be in writing and received in this office by the date of the hearing set above or presented at the hearing.

J. ROBERT HAINES Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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cc: Combined Properties, Inc. Newton A. Williams, Esq.

BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 20, 1989

COUNTY OFFICE BLOG. 111 W. Chesapeake Ave. Towson, Maryland 2128

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Newton A. Williams, Esquire Nolan, Plumhoff & Williams, Chartered Suite 1105, Hampton Plaza 300 E. Joppa Road

Towson, MD 21204 RE: Item No. 437, Case No. 89-537-A Petitioner: Combined Properties, Inc., et al Petition for Zoning Variance

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoring action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD RETURN YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS TO MY OFFICE, ATTENTION JULIE WINIARSKI. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS, PLEASE CONTACT HER AT 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

James E. Dyer/ju JAMES E. DYER

Chairman Zoning Plans ; "isory Committee

Enclosures

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cc: Mr. David H. Sisson Combined Properties, Inc. 1899 L Street, N. W. Washington, DC 20003

Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

Richard H. Trainor Hal Kassoff

June 12, 1989

Mr. J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Baltimore County Combined Properties, Inc. Zoning Meeting of 4-25-89 S/S Baltimore National Pike (Route 40-W) 1900' West of Rolling Rd. [IKPRI#43713

Dear Mr. Haines:

After reviewing the submittal for a variance to allow 4 other business signs containing a total of 700 square feet in lieu of the permitted 3 other business signs containing a total of 100 square feet, we have the following comment.

We have forwarded this plan to our Highway Beautification Section, c/o Mary Benner (333-1642) for all comments relative to

If you have any questions, please contact Larry Brocato at 333-135.

Very truly yours,

Creston J. Mills, Jr., Chief Engineering Access Permits Division

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cc: G.W. Stephens Jr. & Assoc. Mr. J. Ogle Mr. Mary Benner (w-attachment)



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April 25, 1989

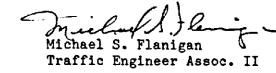
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Mr. J. Robert Haines

Dear Mr. Haines

The Bureau of Traffic Engineering has no comments for items number 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, and 448.

Very truly yours,





Baltimore County Fire Department 800 York Road Towson, Maryland 21204-2586 (301) 887-4500 Paul H. Reincke

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204

RE: Property Owner: Combined Properties, Inc.

Location: S/S Baltimore National Pike (U.S. 40), 1,900' W of centerline Rolling Road

Item No.: 437

Zoning Agenda: April 25, 1989

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

Special Inspection Division

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TO: Zoning Advisory Committee DATE: May 17, 1989

for April 25, 1989

ROBERT W. BOWLING, P.E., Chief

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E.

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the zoning items for the subject meeting and we have no comments for Items 424, 425, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 435, A37, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 447, and 448. Comments are attached for Items 426, 434, 436, 438 and

Developers Engineering Division

TO: J. Robert Haines

DATE: June 30, 1989

Zoning Commissioner FRCM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Case No. 89-537-A Item No. 437

Re: Combined Properties, Inc.

The Petitioner requests a variance to allow four business signs totalling 700 square feet in lieu of the permitted three signs totalling 100 square feet. In reference to this request, staff offers the following comments:

This office does not support the requested variance. The 700 square feet of signage proposed here would be in addition to a 300 square foot shopping center identification sign for the newly constructed retail strip on the site. The signs which are the subject of this variance are existing, and their cumulative effect is excessive.

This office would support a variance to allow 100 square feet of free standing signage for each restaurant and a variance for an identification sign larger than the permitted 150 square feet per side in order to incorporate Frank's, Bradlee's, and F & M onto that

A final landscape plan is required showing landscape treatment along the Baltimore National Pike frontage.

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DATE: January 22, 1990

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Peter Max Zimmerman Deputy People's Counsel

Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

Combined Properties, Inc., Item 437 SUBJECT: Zoning Petition No. 89-537-A

Please be advised that upon review of both the above-referenced case file and the Commissioner's decision, staff finds the order addresses our concerns regarding signage for the reasons as follows:

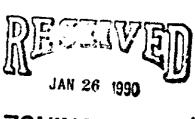
The signage as proposed will result in a uniform, consolidated treatment of the shopping center.

All existing and proposed signage will be noted on a plan that is to be submitted no later than April 15, 1990.

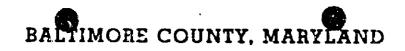
3. Signs advertising Bradlees, F&M, and Frank's will be removed prior to the erection of any additional signage.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3211.

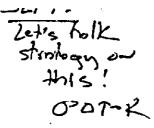
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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE



TO Pat Keller, Deputy Director, CFZ Date January 17, 1990

FROM Peter Max Zimmerman, Deputy Feople's Counsel

SUBJECT Combined Properties, Inc., Fetitioners Zoning Case No. 89-537-A (Item 437)

We are considering an appeal of this Commissioner decision approving four business signs containing a total of 700 square feet. Your office comment June 30, 1989 was in opposition. Flease review and call me to discuss your office's view. The appeal deadline is Friday, February 2,

> Peter Max Zimmerman Deputy Feople's Counsel

Enclosure: ZC's Order dtd. 1-3-90

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ZONING OFFICE

Re: Baltimore County Combined Properties, Inc. S/S Baltimore National Pike 1900 Ft. West of Rolling Road [Item: #437])

Dear Mr. Haines:

Mr. J. Robert Haines

Towson, Mayland 21204

Zoning Commissioner Couny Office Building

This letter i in answer to the letter written to you by Mr. Creston J. Mills, Chief, Bureau of Access Permits, dated June 12, 1989, concerning the placing of signs at the above

A representative from the Office of the Highway Beautification Section, Mr. George Dawson has inspected the location for the proposed signs and determined that they will be on-premise signs, which this office does not control. The exception is if a determination is made that it is a traffic hazard. The sign cannot project into the State's Right-of-Way.

If there is any further information needed, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Mary 9. Blunce Mary **V.** Benner Acting Chief Highway Beautification

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My telephone number is (301)_____

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Martin I. Caruso, Esquire Associate Counsel Frank's Nursery and Crafts, Inc. 6501 East Nevada Detroit, Michigan 48234

> RE: 40 West Plaza Shopping Center Sign Variance case - Combined Properties, Inc. Case No. 89-537-A

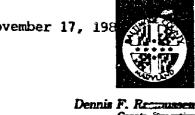
Dear Mr. Caruso:

I am in receipt of your correspondence dated October 4, 1989. The referenced matter is currently being negotiated by the interested parties which comes subsequent to a lengthy hearing in this case. If it is Frank's desire to participate in the negotiations of this matter, I would suggest that you contact Newton A. Williams, Esquire, (Area code 301, 823-7800) attorney for Combined Properties. I have no intention of setting this matter in for another hearing, simply because Frank's Nursery and Crafts failed to formally appear at the July 6, 1989 hearing. Your request is, therefore, denied.

cc: Newton A. Williams, Esquire Gary C. Duvall, Esquire E. Harrison Stone, Esquire Neil F. Murray, Esquire Mr. Roberth Nethen, Jr. Mr. Charles J. Stark file V

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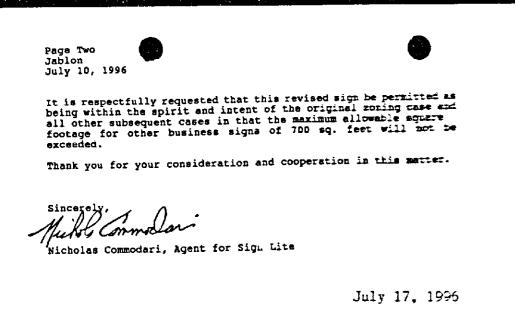
> RE: Case #89-537-A Combined Properties, Inc. Petitioner

Dear Mr. Williams:

The last communication I had from the parties involved in the above captioned matter was the proposal to intervene in the matter by the attorney representing Franks' Nursery and Crafts, Inc. As a result of the telephone communication, over a month ago, from Mr. Harrison Stone, my Order was held to allow the parties to discuss the issues with Franks' attorney.

Please inform me of the status of your discussions and negotiations and, be advised that I am prepared to isssued an Order in this matter if I do not hear from you, promptly, in writing.

cc: Gary Duvall, Esquire E. Harrison Stone, Esquire Mr. William C. Harrison Neil F. Murray, Esquire Mr. Robert Nethen, Jr.



Dear Mr. Commodari:

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Please be advised that the zoning office will consider your request as within the spirit and intent of zoning case #89-537-A. This decision is based upon that the existing and new signs will not exceed the granted number of signs and total square feet. . Given that the new sign may reduce the potential of the other business signs, the property management must approve of the new sign prior to a building permit.

Very truly yours,

Mitchell J. Kellman Planner II Zoning Review

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Confirming my conference with your aide, Mr. Merry, on November 28th, we wish to thank you for your letter of November 17, 1989, regarding a resolution in this matter.

We are pleased to be able to tell you that it has been agreed that the Frank's Nursery Sign on the frontage is to be removed, and that Frank's Nursery will receive a place on the two new upgraded substitute signs if you are disposed to grant such relief.

Secondly, we have been asked by both F & M and by Frank's Nursery if they might be allowed on their portions of the signs to utilize their distinctive company colors, and thus, if you are disposed to grant us such relief, we would appreciate latitude in this regard. With best regards of the Season, I am-

Respectfully,

Newton A. Williams

cc: Gary Duvall, Esquire E. Harrison Stone, Esquire Mr. William C. Harrison Neil F. Murray, Esquire Mr. Robert Nethen, Jr. T. Rogers Harrison, Esquire

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LAW OFFICES

Newton Newton A. Williams

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September 5, 1989

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Towson, Maryland 21204 Dear Commissioner Haines:

> RE: 40 West Plaza Shopping Center Sign Variance Case - Combined Properties, Inc. Case No.: 89-537-A

Supplementing our letter of July 26, 1989, Combination Properties, Inc., the Petitioner herein and property owner would propose to consolidate the signs as follows:

1. Referring to Petitioner's Exhibit 1, the site plan prepared by Stephens & Associates, Inc., the present, outdated Bradlee's/F & M Sign is proposed to be replaced by the sign shown in Exhibit A attached hereto, namely as covered at the Hearing, a 25 foot high, two faced, multiple tenant roster sign, with spaces for five (5) tenants with 150 feet per face visable from Route 40 in each direction. As noted this would replace the Bradlee's and F & M Sign presently located at the northwest corner of the monumental entrance on Route 40 just to the northwest of the Roy

2. The primary shopping center I.D. sign will be placed as shown on Petitioner's Exhibit 1, the site plan, on the frontage and will be as shown on Petitioner's Exhibit B

The Honorable J. Robert Haines Page Two September 5, 1989

M, and their various counsel.

attached hereto, namely a 25 foot high, double faced, multiple message or tenant sign, identifying 40 West Plaza and approximately five (5) tenants on each of its double faces, each face being 150 square feet, and of course one (1) face being visible from each direction on Route 40.

3. This proposal would involve the removal of the 20 foot high Frank's sign, which is doubled faced, at 64 square feet per face, amounting to a removal in all of 128 square

4. The Petition case requested a total of fi... (5) signs, while this proposal would consolidate the situation down to four (4) signs; namely the existing Bob's Big Boy Sign, the replaced Bradlee's/F & M Sign, Exhibit A attached hereto, the existing Roy Rogers Sign, and the proposed shopping center identification sign, Exhibit B attached hereto. With the removal of the Frank's Sign as noted, Frank's will be moved on to the main tenant roster at the monumental entrance, at least an equal, and, probably, a superior location for that tenant.

As noted the new signs, namely, Exhibits A and B attached hereto will be of colors, namely red and white to harmonize with the overall center, particularly the newer buildings built along the eastern property line, as shown in the various photographic exhibits offered during the case.

By a photocopy of this letter, we are circulating this proposal to all of the tenants, namely Frank's, Roy Rogers, F &

As you will recall F & M is represented by Gary C. Duvall, Esquire, while Harrison Stone, Esquire, represents Marriott Corporation covering both Roy's and Bob's Big Boy. The Honorable J. Robert Haines Page Three September 5, 1989

It will be appreciated if your office will review this proposed consolidation, and if all of the other parties will review this consolidation, and let me have their comments, or you have their comments with copies to me. and hopefully we can proceed toward an appropriate Order.

Thanking you and your staff, as well as all other parties involved for their continued interest and cooperation, I am -

Respectfully, . nutin a. Williams

Newton A. Williams

NAW/psk

Enclosure

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January 23, 1990

The Honorable J. Robert Haines, Esquire Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

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RE: Sign Variance Case 40 West Plaza Case No.: 89-537-A Date of the Order January 3, 1990

Dear Commissioner Haines:

First of all, on behalf of my clients, and I believe of everyone involved, we wish to thank you and your staff for your very favorable Order of January 3, 1990.

As _ou will recall, and as Petitioner's Exhibit 1, the Stephens' site plan shows, at the time the case was filed there were four (4) signs on the property, namely the Bradlee's, the Frank's Nursery, the Roy Rogers, and the Bob's Big Boy.

As you know with your encouragement we have agreed to eliminate the Frank's sign which is some 128 square feet, and to replace the Bradlee's sign.

Under our proposal as shown in Exhibits A and B attached to the Order, Exhibit B will clearly become the shopping center identification sign contemplated by Section 413.2e. of the Regulations, and a new, other business sign allowed by the same subsection will be placed on the frontage as shown in Exhibit A.

Thus, we believe that the situation will become, a new shopping center identification sign as shown in Exhibit B, the elimination of the Frank's Sign, and a new, upgraded other business sign as shown in Exhibit A.

Commissioner Haines January 23, 1990

It will be appreciated if you will check your file, and confirm our interpretation of the situation, since of course this is the basis upon which the case was tried and understood

Thanking you and your staff for your kind attention to this request, I am -

Respectfully,

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FRANK'S NURSERY & CRAFTS, Inc. A General Host Company

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October 4, 1989

Certified Mail, R.R.R.

Item #P-863-498-029 Honorable J. Robert Haines Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Ave., Room 1109

> RE: 40 West Plaza Shopping Center Sign Variance Case - Combined Properties, Inc. Case No.: 89-537-A

Dear Commissioner Haines:

Towson, Maryland 21204

I recently became involved in the above-referenced matter, and I noticed that Frank's Nursery & Crafts, Inc. ("Frank's") did not formally appear at the sign zoning hearing on July 6, 1989. I apologize for this oversight. At present, I am in contact with Mr. Newton A. Williams, and we are discussing alternatives to resolve this case. In turn, I request a continuance in this matter. A continuance remains necessary to allow Frank's the opportunity to secure local counsel to represent its interests in any further proceedings and to allow Frank's the opportunity to take part in settlement of this case. Of course, Frank's will do its utmost to resolve this matter in an expeditious manner.

I thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours, mouth Can Martin I. Caruso

Associate Counsel

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J. Robert Haines, Esquire Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Petition for Zoning Variance 40 West Plaza Shopping Center Combined Properties, Inc. Case: 89-537-A

Dear Mr. Haines:

Frank's Nursery & Crafts, Inc. has retained me to represent its interests in the above-captioned matter. Please enter my appearance. Thank you.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours, T. Rogers(Harrison

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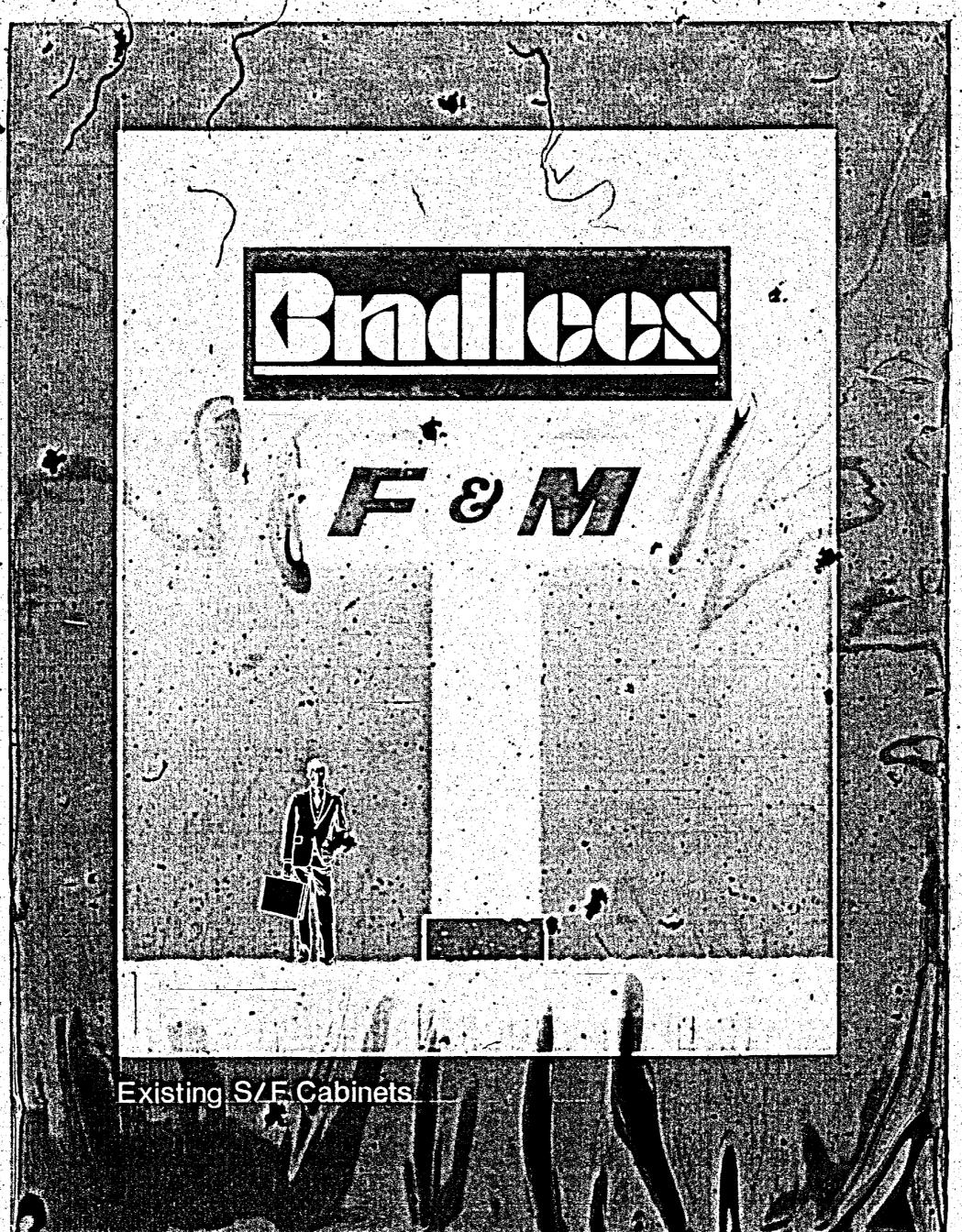
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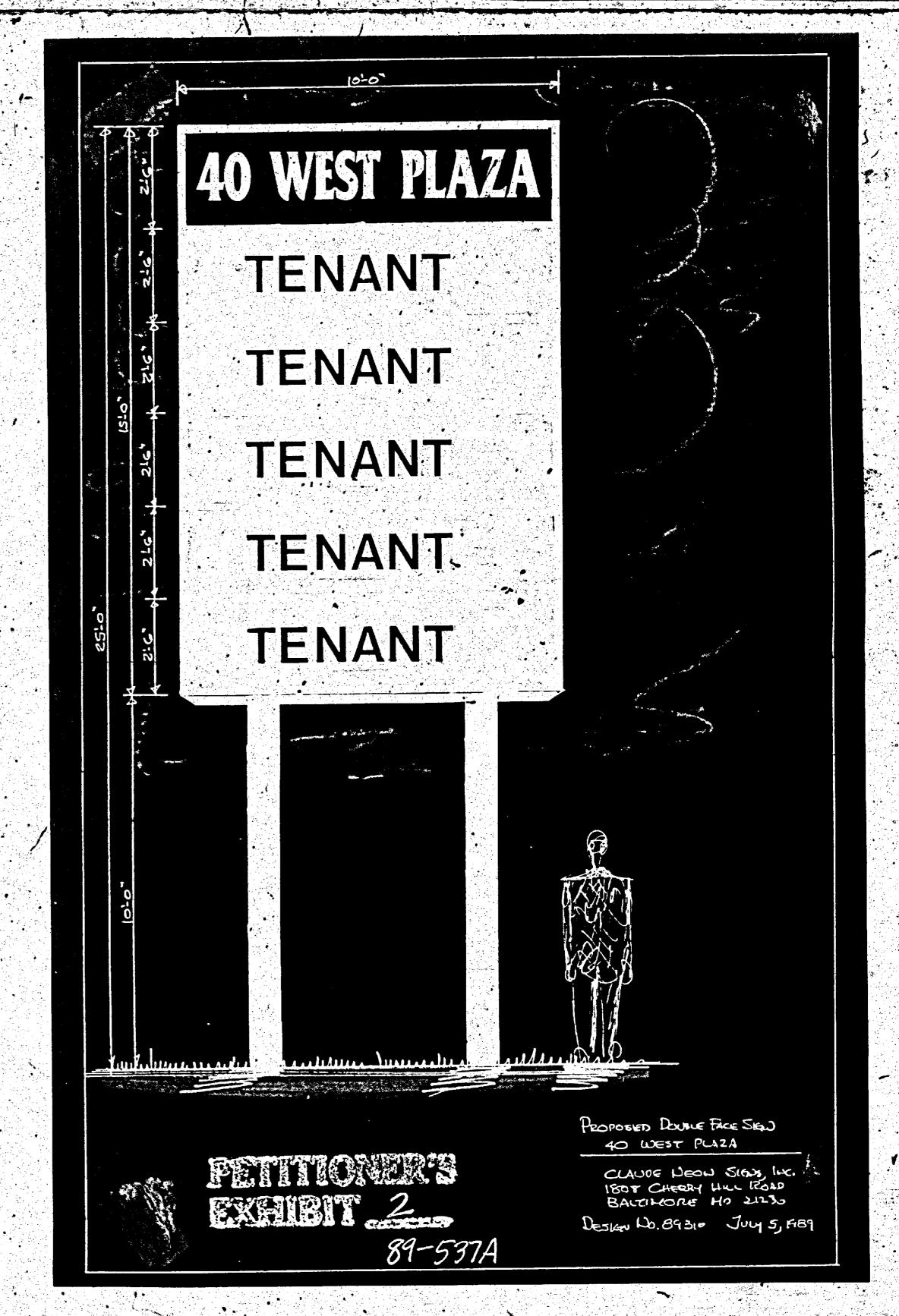
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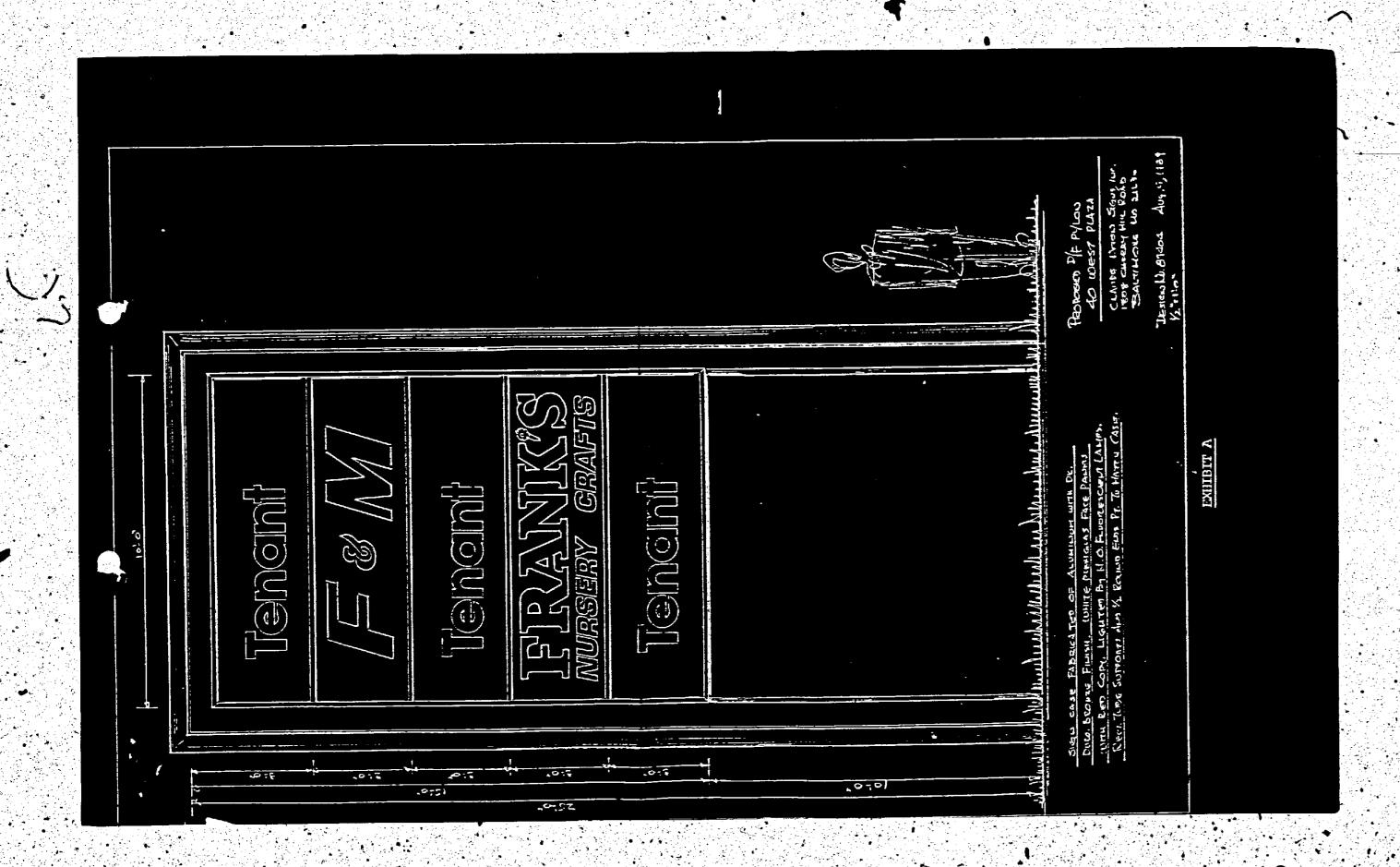
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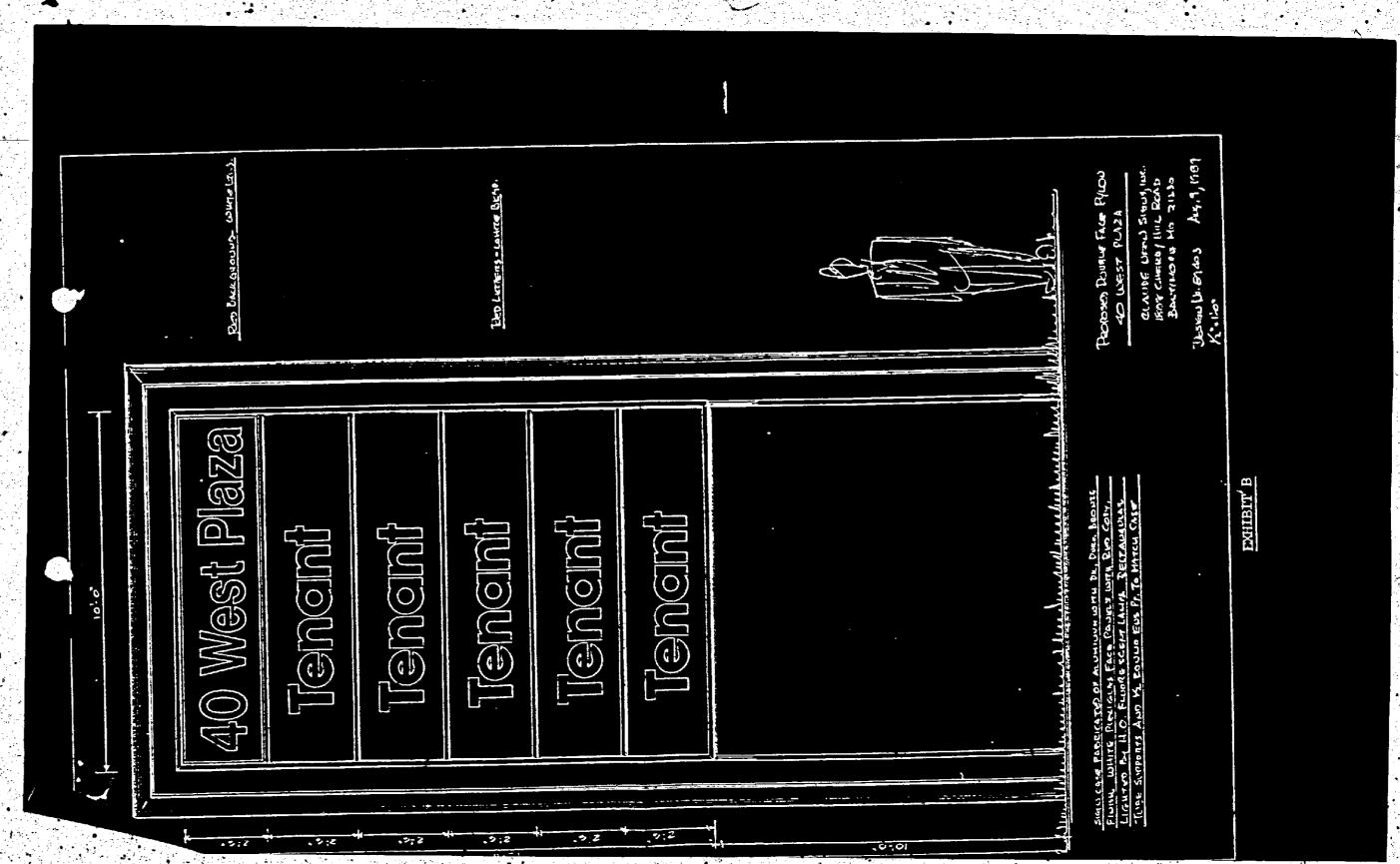
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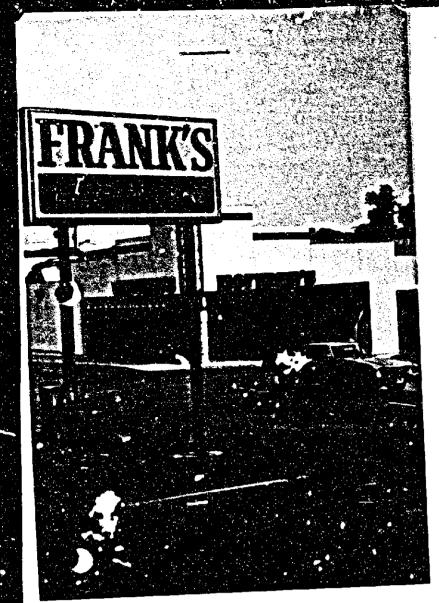




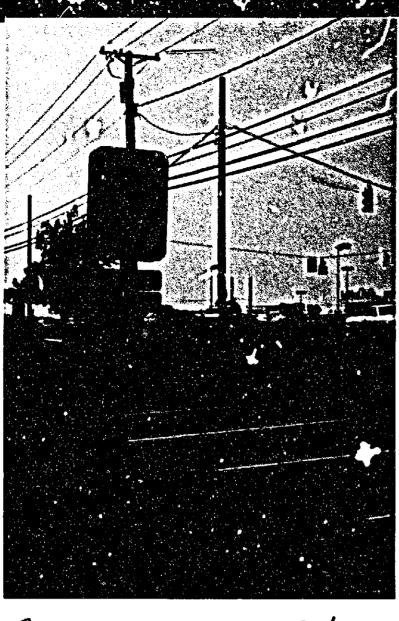




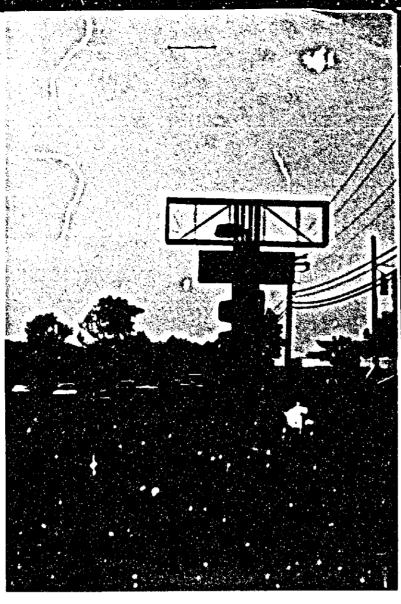




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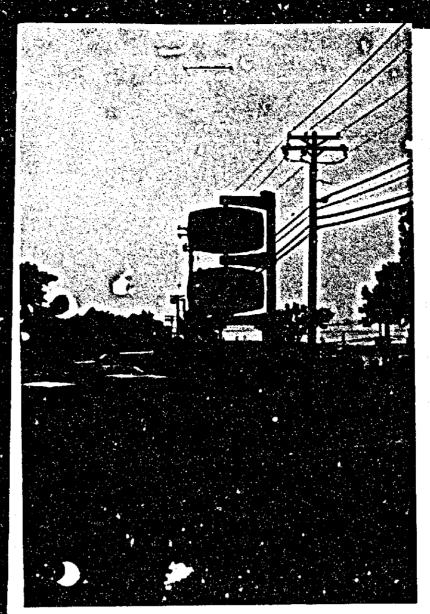


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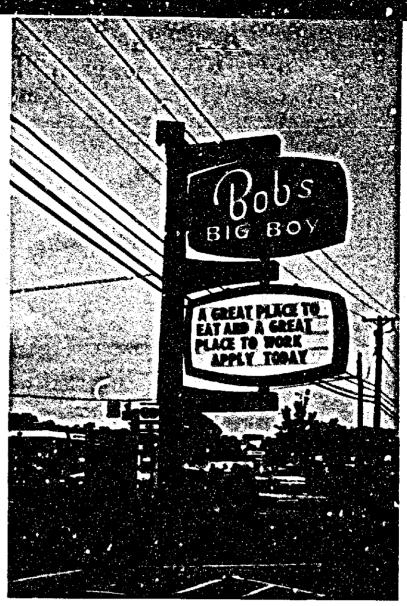


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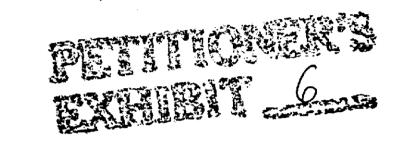
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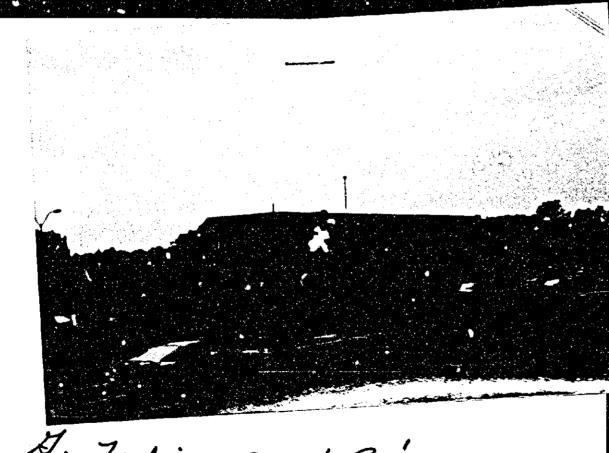


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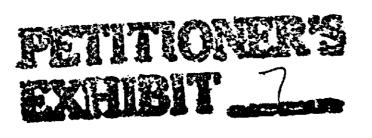


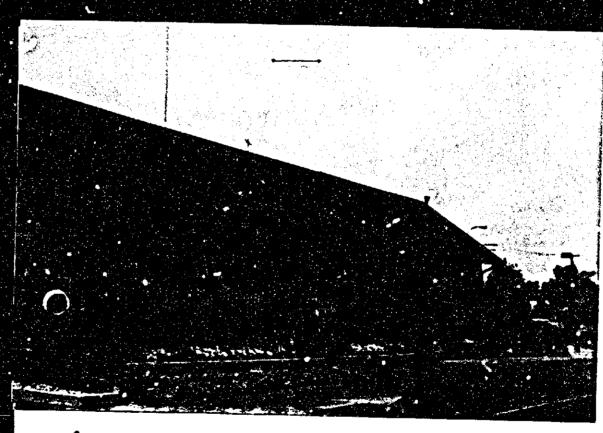


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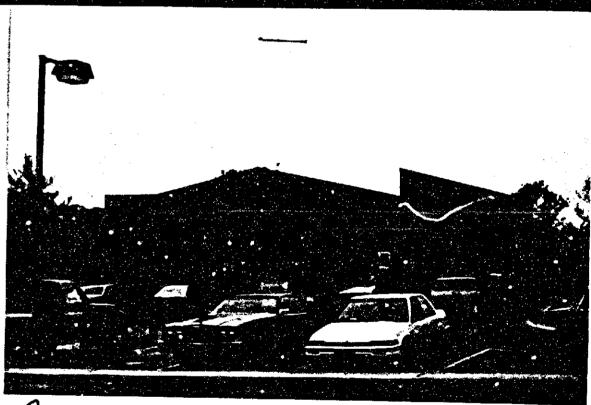


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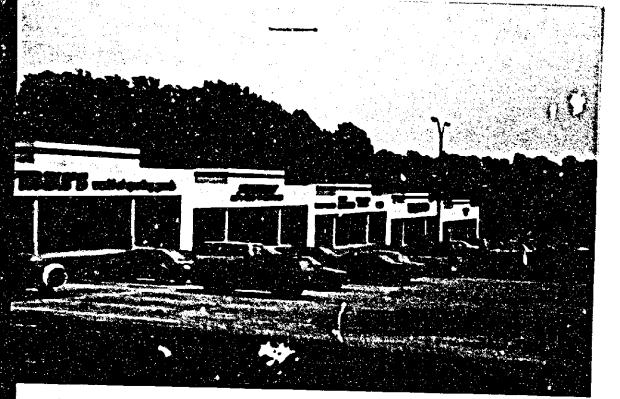


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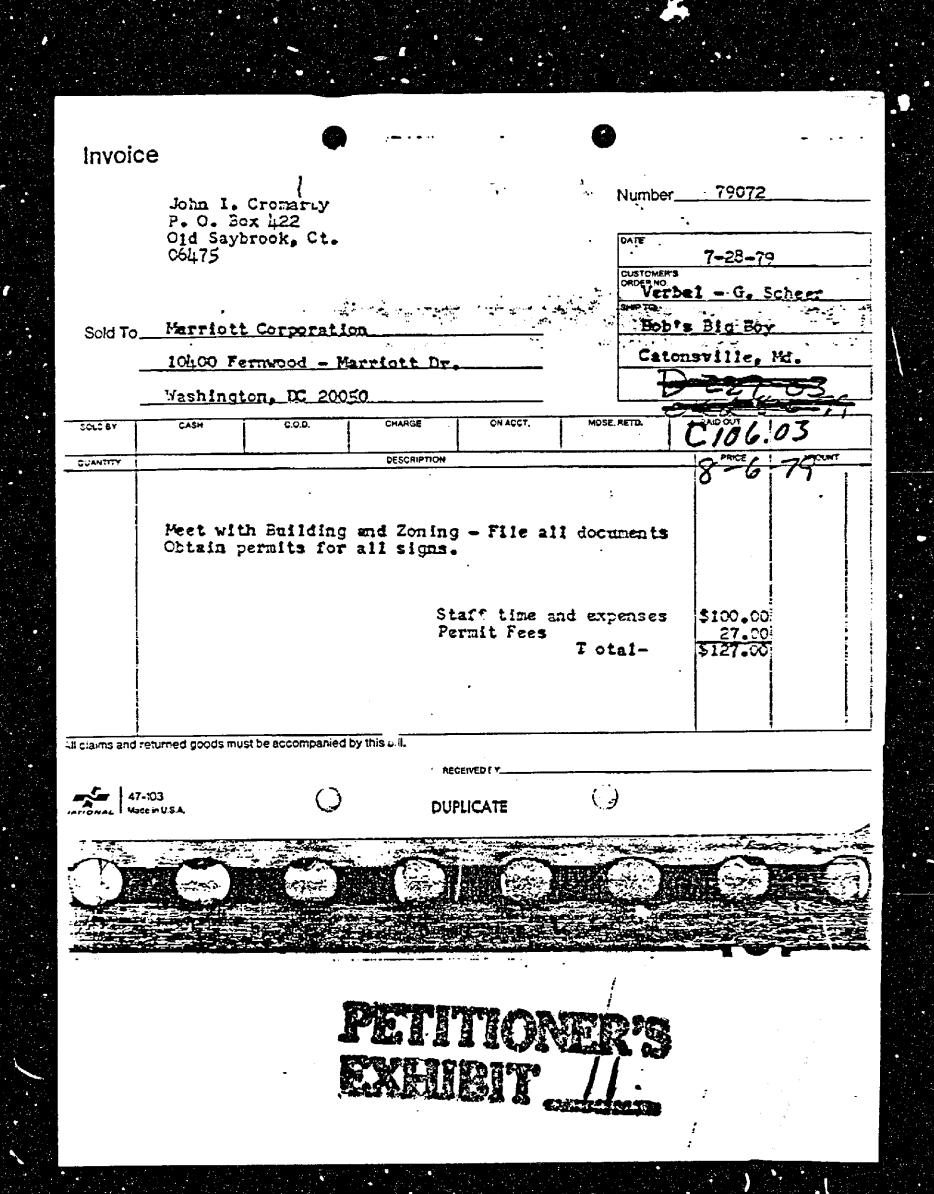


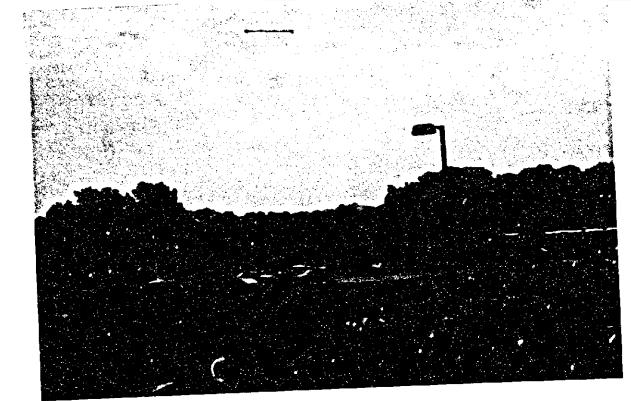
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September 9, 1983

Karriott Corporation Department 934.30 1 Marriott Drive Washington, DC 20058

Attention: Mr. George S. Scheer

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Bob's Big Boy 6500 Baltimore National Pike Catonsville, Maryland

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